

San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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Next General Meeting:

**Oct. 21 at 7 pm,
Clifford School**



President's Message

Hello 4-Hers,

This month, 4-H has loads of fun planned for the general meeting. On Oct. 21st, we have our annual project fair. Kids get to go around and sign up for all the projects they want to be in and parents can talk to the leaders. At every project there will be candy, so bring a bag! Costumes and orange and black themed dress is strongly encouraged!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Your president,

Danielle Grimsby

**This month:
Project Fair!**
Wear a costume or orange and black

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

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| Oct. 20 7 pm | ASAP (Animal Science-Animal Project), 4-H office, Half Moon Bay |
| Oct. 21 7 pm | October General Meeting and Project Fair |
| Oct. 22 7 pm | 4-H SET (Science, Engineering, and Technology) Meeting, 4-H office, Half Moon Bay |
| Oct. 27 7:15 pm | Life Skills Committee Meeting, Fox School |
| Nov. 1 | Serve Tri-tip Dinner with Lions' Club |
| Nov. 17 7 pm | County Council Meeting, Fox School |
| Nov. 18 7 pm | November General Meeting |

Registration Reminder

Please remember to bring completed registration forms with payment to the October meeting. (Extra forms will be available.) We encourage all 4-H parents to register as volunteers. Registration is essential for any parent whose child will have an animal at our farm this summer. Registered adult volunteers receive liability protection for all 4-H sponsored events (such as driving for field trips, visiting the farm, etc.). Membership fees are \$50 for youth members, with no fee charged for adult volunteers. You can also register online using the instructions on our website.

Important Attendance Policy Reminder

San Carlos-Eaton Hills 4-H Club Attendance Policy

- 80% attendance at the club's monthly general meetings and 80% attendance at the project meetings are needed to exhibit any project at the San Mateo County Fair. 80% attendance at the club's monthly general meetings is required to obtain a star rank. 80% attendance at project meetings is required to earn record book credit for "project completed" for each project.
- An excused absence will not count against the 80% calculation.
 - Excused absences include illness, religious commitments, or mandatory school activities (one-time meeting, school play, or concert). Other excuses may be presented to the Steering Committee for authorization.
 - Bring a note to the club secretary the month before or after your excused absence so it can be recorded.
 - Homework and school social activities are examples of non-excused absences.
- If you will have to leave early or arrive late on a regular basis, please provide a note of explanation to the club secretary. You can still receive credit for attendance, but more than two late arrivals or early departures will disqualify you from earning a 100% participation pin.
- You are responsible to find out what you missed at the general meetings.
- You are encouraged to make-up the missed meeting with community service time: volunteering at schools or special-needs programs, or representing the club at Lions Club activities, Hometown Days, and the San Mateo County Fair (auction, cake booth, Redwood Hall attendant, and Pen Pride).

Don't Forget Those Medical Forms!

Did you know that a copy of that medical form you fill out for your child must be given to each of your child's project leaders? The forms are meant to help protect your child while not under your supervision and may contain essential information about allergies, medications, phobias, etc. These forms are essential; they allow medical providers to care for your child if your child gets hurt. It is your job to provide a copy of this form the leader of each project your members enrolls in.

Please fill out a separate form to give to each project leader. Please note that if you make photocopies, each copy must have a fresh signature to be valid.

What is the easiest way to do this? Go to the club website and find the medical release form. Fill it out on your computer and print as many copies as you will need. Is your child signing up for four projects? Bring four copies. (Bring an extra if in doubt.) Sign each one (signatures must be original) and bring them to the October meeting. We will have blank copies at the meeting, but you might prefer to fill out forms ahead of time. Many thanks for helping us complete this important job. —*Maeve and Bruce Knoth*

This Year's Projects

Thanks to the parent volunteers who have enthusiastically offered to lead the following projects for the 2008-09 year:

Arts and Crafts-Beginning	Terri Ortiz
Automotive	Jeff Nielson/Bruce Knoth
Beekeeping	Kurt Hallamasek
Beginning 4-H	Kathy Fulton
Cats	Heather Sutherland
Cavies	Bunny Weiss-Canada 4-H
Cooking-Advanced	Joanne Taylor
Cooking-Beginning	Erika Stratz
Demonstrations	
Digital Photography-Beginning	Kelly Rubingh
Electronics	Robert Lewit
Gardening-Bee Garden	
Goats	
Hobby Crafts-Advanced	Vicki Jeffers
Hobby Crafts- Beginning	
Leadership Development	Maeve Knoth
Notecards	Cyndi Nolasco
Poultry-Exhibition & Avian Bowl	Julie Wong
Poultry-Market Chickens & Turkeys	Judy Grimsby
Rabbits-Advanced	Scot Marsters
Rabbits-Beginning	Robin Nielsen
Rabbits-Show & Meat	Kathy Wilfong
Sewing	Robin Nielsen

Sheep	Vickie Lewit
Shooting Sports-AIR RIFLES	Lee Torno
Shooting Sports-ARCHERY	Steve Wong/Scot & Patty Marsters
Swine	Winston Wyckoff
Web Design	Robert Lewit
Wildflower Hiking	Sandra Bernhard
Woodworking-Advanced	Hans Warrick

If you would like to lead or co-lead a project for this year, please contact Julie Wong at 853-1305 or girlfig2u@yahoo.com.

4-H'ers: Please discuss the projects you are interested in with your parents and the project leader and be ready to sign up at the Project Fair after our general meeting on Tuesday Oct. 21. It looks like it's going to be a great year!

Upcoming Cavy and Rabbit Shows

For more information, go to <http://www.rabbitshows.com>.

Oct. 23, Fresno

Oct. 29, Lodi

Dec. 23, Red Bluff

Upcoming Poultry Shows

For more information, go to http://www.poultryshow.com/upcoming_shows.htm.

Oct. 24-25 Ventura, Seaside Feather Fanciers "Bash at the Beach", featuring the APA National 2008 Show

Nov. 8-9 Bakersfield, Golden Gate Bantam Club

Dec. 6-7 Victorville, Pacific Coast Bantam Club

Jan. 10-11, 2009 Hollister, Gold Coast Poultry Fanciers

Jan. 24-25, Stockton, Pacific Poultry Breeders Association

Feb. 21, 2009 Fresno, Greater California Society of Poultry Fanciers

2007-2008 Awards and Enrollment Social

Congratulations to all of our San Mateo County 4-Hers for a great year! Please come celebrate and appreciate the San Mateo County-wide events and valuable volunteers who make San Mateo County 4-H successful.



Who: All 4-H members, volunteer leaders, parents, and families interested in 4-H are welcome. The honorees will be 4-Hers who were winners or medalists at countywide events and service awards for volunteers.

What: Awards, and social time to share what you do in your club with other clubs

Bring: A display for your club and 2 dozen snacks or cookies per family

When: November 2, 2008 at 1 pm

Where: Elkus Youth Ranch in Half Moon Bay

Want to Go to CAL (Creating a Leader Conference)?

4-H members in 7th grade and up are invited to register for the North Central Division Creating a Leader Conference at Walker Creek Ranch, Petaluma. It will be held from January 23-25, 2009. The North Central division includes Sonoma, Marin, San Mateo, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano, Napa, Yolo, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Calaveras, Amador, and El Dorado counties.

Successful leadership is best learned in two ways: by observing it in others and by trying it oneself. The CAL Leadership Team is composed of former delegates who are now in charge of planning and delivering the Conference. The overall focus of CAL Conference is to provide a platform for youth leaders to share their joy, knowledge, and enthusiasm with their peers. The educational focus of CAL Conference is for delegates to enhance their techniques to demonstrate leadership in how they behave, in their attitudes, and in the words they choose to use.

Mark your calendar and watch the county newsletter and this newsletter for further information.

Fall Farm Clean-Up

More than 60 members and parents showed up at our annual farm clean-up and put in hours of work to make the farm ready for winter. Thank you to all who came. The beautiful day and spectacular participation made it a great success for the club.



Many of you know that the farm needs even more work this year as we make renovations. Please watch for further announcements of work parties. We will need your help in coming weeks.

Stars and Medals

Congratulations to Lance Torno for earning his Primary Star!

Congratulations to Jeanette Chow. She entered her record book in county-wide judging and earned a medal in the junior category! Great work, Jeanette.

Want to Find Out More About 4-H?

You can view the October issue of *Highlights*, the San Mateo County 4-H monthly online newsletter, at http://cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu/newsletterfiles/4-H_Highlights_Monthly_Newsletter15187.pdf.

To subscribe to *Highlights*, do the following:

1. Go to www.cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu/.
2. Click on "4-H Youth Development Program".
3. In the little purple box, click on "4-H Highlights Monthly Newsletter".
4. Type your email address in the box and click on "Submit".

Poultry Show Report

On Saturday, October 4, I went to a poultry show in Paso Robles with my mom. With us, we brought four Belgian D'Anvers, four Black Dutch, one Blue Light Brown Dutch and one Black Silkie. My D'Anvers were the first breed to be judged and as I looked over towards the judge, I started to feel the creep of nervousness take hold of me. What if I was beat? I had expected this, and after the judge walked away, I waited until he was done with the class, S.C.C.L. (single combed clean legged) before I walked over.

With shaking hands, I studied their cage tags. *Great*, I told myself, *your D'Anver rooster got best of variety, best of breed, and best S.C.C.L.; you get a pretty ribbon. And hen number 4 got first and cockerel number 3 got fifth. But hen number 2 was disqualified for having stubs.* What in the world are stubs? I had no idea, so I asked the breeder that I got my D'Anvers from, Tami Clarke, and she said they were small feathers in between the toes of a clean legged bird. For my other birds, I got two firsts, one second, and one third for my Black Dutch, one first for my Blue Light Brown Dutch pullet, and my Silkie didn't have any markings. This confused me, but I didn't have time to worry about that. "Get Piña ready for champion row!", ordered my mom. What I hadn't realized is that my D'Anvers rooster was going to be judged for best in show because he was best S.C.C.L.

They didn't announce the champion results until the next day. When I got to the show, I went to look at the awards table and I saw my rooster's picture. Framed. So I gave my coop tags, got my ribbons, and started to gather my birds into their cages. "Peri, come back here!" My mom's words broke through my own bubble of happiness like a gust of wind. *What now?* I thought. She was standing at the awards table. I walked over and saw my rooster's picture on a plaque. I picked it up and started to walk away. Again, my mom called me back. "You'd better take a closer look" she said. I saw that there was yet another plaque with Piña Colada's picture on it. "Is that all?" I asked. It turns out that my little rooster had gotten Best Bantam in Show and Best in Show by a Junior. I was so proud of him I could have sung, but for the greater good I didn't.

Next newsletter deadline: November 10

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